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## Supporting Ukraine from Haliburton County

*Residents worry and hope for loved ones in crisis*

**SUE TIFFIN**

*Staff Reporter*

A few years back, Maryssa Danilko visited Ukraine, the home country of her grandparents.

Her memories of that visit are vivid, painting an image of cities where people "hustle and bustle," and a countryside that is very poor but where the hospitality is warm and welcoming, and visitors are greeted with "very open arms."

Following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine beginning February 24, Danilko said she feels as though she's in shock.

"I just feel like at a loss, almost," she said days after Russian president Vladimir Putin authorized airstrikes across Ukraine, and Russian convoys began advancing into the country. "I've been kind of battling tears for the last couple days."

The Minden resident has been trying to follow what's been happening as attacks are reported throughout Ukraine, through family, friends, and eyewitness accounts shared online.

"I'm hopeful, but I'm fearful, absolutely," she said. "The stress and anxiety that I feel for them is unbearable."

Military reservists aged 18 to 60 have been called to service and many of the country's more than 44 million residents are attempting to flee the cities or the country as the invasion intensifies.

"Basically the men are joining the fight and women and children are staying at their countryside homes, because every-

one is fleeing the cities, so they're going to their parents," said Danilko. "Women and children are just getting on the trains and trying to leave, saying goodbye to their husbands and fathers and grandfathers, saying, you know, we hope to see you again. It's really, really, sad. I cannot even imagine going through that. I can't even imagine."

The stories Danilko has been hearing tell of a Ukrainian resistance, one fighting to keep independence gained when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

"I have a friend whose 70-year-old uncle joined the army himself, just because he was a welder by trade and thought he could help, and they've put him on the sidelines to help fix artillery and things," she said. "People are standing up for their country. People are joining on their own will and merit. It's so sad, but it's so nice to hear that people are not just giving in."

Canada's Ukrainian population is one of the largest outside of Ukraine and Russia, with about 1.4 million people identifying as Ukrainian-Canadian.

"Everyone's feeling it," said Danilko. "Everyone has this connection. Not just family but it's this nationalistic pride. Ukrainians are very proud to be Ukrainian. I'm sure lots of cultures have that. But it's definitely affecting all of us."

Danilko said she grew up hearing stories of how her grandparents – both from the west side of Ukraine, just on the outskirts of Lviv – survived, ultimately having to flee the country.

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### Dog-gone fun!

Highlands resident Karen Koehler races with her dogs Much, left, and Mighty during the first ever OFSS (Ontario Federation of Sleddog Sports) Winter Fun Race at Killara Station on Saturday, March 5, just a few minutes outside of the village of Haliburton. See more photos on Page 9. /DARREN LUM Staff

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# Connection in crisis and support shared

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**H**er maternal grandmother was born in 1910 or so, and fled during The Holodomor, or Great Famine, in the 1930s, when millions of Ukrainians died.

"She was burying food in the earth just to feed her family," said Danilko.

Her grandmother's mother died when she was around 20, and she was being raised by her grandmother but "it was just a hard life," said Danilko.

"At 14, she took her sister, and they ran, they went to France," she said. "They worked in kitchens and as farmhands until they could get their own strength on their own two feet. They were running until they hit Canada. But by Canada she already had three kids, and came to Canada by herself, without my grandfather ... You can only be grateful that she had the strength to make a better life for herself. And that's what these people are trying to fight for. They're just trying to fight for a better life. They're not, you know, they're not going to succumb to political pressure and greed, so they're just trying to fight for freedom."

Danilko's father's family came to Canada during the time in the '60s and '70s when land in Northern Alberta was being offered to immigrants.

"They were handing out free land as long as you could farm it, and they were literally by train just trucking in millions of these Ukrainians at the time to try to build up Canada. That's how we ended up here. But if it wasn't for my grandmother, I'd be there."

Danilko's parents met in Toronto, where she was raised attending Ukrainian immersion school, and Saturday school, until Grade 8, developing a love for Ukrainian dance, and a strong understanding of Ukrainian history, geography, literature and language.

She met Minden resident Alex Danilko in Innisfil, when she attended a pig roast celebrating the Ukrainian community at an onion farm owned by Boris Horodynsky. Alex's parents – Roger and Susan – harvested wood for Horodynsky and he was in attendance at the same party, where the two met.

"When I came up to this community, nine years ago, it's always been a passion of mine to dance and have culture, because I'm so strongly connected to the Ukrainian culture, I just thought, well, why not try to bring it here," said Danilko, who helped to partner The Nutcracker with the Verba Ukrainian Dance Company from Winnipeg, and was instrumental in bringing the Lemon Bucket Orkestra to town in 2020.

"And it wasn't even me bringing it here. It was me showcasing it here, but there were already a lot of Ukrainians here. With the lineage of, oh, my aunt is Ukrainian, my grandmother was Ukrainian. So, it was really nice to see the community come together here too."

While Danilko hears reports from cousins and friends, she's connecting here with members of the Ukrainian-Canadian community experiencing the same worry from afar, and those not connected to the community who share concern.

"It's so lovely, everyone's been reaching out," said Danilko. "People that have a connection, people that don't and it's just been so uplifting. I feel very supported. It's just very nice for people to simply say, 'hey I'm here and it's just messed up what's going on and I'm with you.' It's nice to know you're not alone."

Though the situation is one of stress, Danilko is also finding hope in the resistance.

"I think people are really coming together," she said. "It's no surprise for this Ukrainian community. But I think people are really coming together and standing their ground ... Just hoping that on the news, the next village in the paper isn't going to be the village that your mother came from. It hits, really close to home."

## Ukrainian pride

Bill Kulas said he's proud that his grandkids are fifth generation Ukrainian Canadians.

"We're Canadians first and foremost but proud of our Ukrainian heritage," he said.

While Bill's wife Ginger is of Scottish descent, Kulas said before his mom passed away she spent several years sharing Ukrainian tradition with Ginger, including Easter egg decorating which Ginger has taught throughout the years in Haliburton County.

"She just did it out of respect for my ancestry," said Kulas. "Ukrainian Easter egg decorating is 1,000 years old. So when Putin says there's no such thing as Ukraine, and the Ukraine language, and they shouldn't be in existence, you know, you've got an evil, evil person who's



Jennifer Mykolyshyn, a Ukrainian Canadian resident of Haliburton County, is staying in close contact with family in Europe during a Russian-led invasion that began Feb. 24. /Photo by Mark Arike

inflicting terrible, terrible things upon a people, their language, culture and way of life. This is not something that's new."

Kulas said his family spoke of the horrific starvation of Joseph Stalin's Holodomor.

"I remember ancestors talking about it – they would have to grab pieces of grass and dandelions and put it in a pot of water and try to survive on that," he said.

On his mom's side, his family came to Canada in 1906. On his dad's side, 1913.

"My dad came with a pillow case, two shirts and \$5," said Kulas. "My mother was of Polish and Romanian descent. My dad was from the Carpathian Mountains in Ukraine – very much like Haliburton County with big hills and forests."

Bill's dad came by ship, landing in Halifax, then traveling by train through Montreal into the silver mining area of Cobalt, Ontario, where family had already arrived.

"Then my dad went to Rouyn-Noranda in northwestern Quebec, and was one of the first pioneers to open the gold mine of Rouyn, Quebec. He went by dog team in the wintertime."

At some point after arriving in Canada, Kulas said his father shortened his name from the family name of Kolytylo.

"He had some relatives that were in the Ottawa Valley, and the last name was Kulas," he said. "He thought that was easier to spell ... Imagine coming as a 16-year-old to Canada with a pillowcase and \$5 in your pocket, and two shirts, and that's it and not being able to read, write or speak the language. So the name got shortened to Kulas."

Kulas said his parents met in Montreal.

"I'm proud of my family," he said. "It's out of respect for them that I feel for the people in Europe."

He said his family was pro-democracy and pro-freedom in Quebec, and were not able to visit Ukraine because of that.

"My family were a threat to the Russian communist regime, so they were never able to go back and visit their family," he said.

Now, Kulas keeps in touch with family spread throughout Ontario and out west, and those who continue to live in Ukraine. His cousin, Ivan Fratsovir, lives there with his wife and children.

"They're closer to the Polish border, they're in Western Ukraine, and it's more rugged territory so it'd be tough for tanks to get to where they are, that's for sure," said Kulas. "He's been very optimistic."

The cousins can text back and forth using an app that translates their messages from English to Ukrainian, and Ukrainian to English.

A text from Ivan reads: "It is very scary that everything happened that way, and it is unbelievable that Russia attacked Ukraine. People are panicking, hiding in the subway, some have already left their homes. Rockets are falling all over our country, but we will not hand over our Ukraine to the occupiers. Putin wants to seize the capital, Belarus has supported Russia but I think everything will pass, everything will be fine. Thank you for your support."

"Pretty brave," said Kulas. "Hopefully God sees the wrongs and blesses the people being affected and that things get better. The strong religious beliefs and upbringing of the Ukrainian people is what's holding them up."

## Much love, and big meals

Haliburton resident Jennifer Mykolyshyn said she's not one to post on social media very frequently, but the invasion of Ukraine has made her want to connect and share in a different way.

"It's been emotional," she said. "I've been reading articles like crazy. I never had Twitter, I never had TikTok, I never read *The Kyiv Independent*. I can't stop looking. But I'm also trying to maintain my health. And also for my family members, I have to take breaks, only look at the news one or two times. But at the same time there's a huge sense of guilt, that you can't be with them and you only have to watch and feel it and know it, that they're there. It's this weird balancing thing."

Mykolyshyn said while she's had feelings or opinions about world events over the past few years, this time she feels directly connected.

"It's affecting me and my family and it's just ... it's an unreal thing," she said. "When I'm imagining it's happening, I imagine it's our community here. What would it be like to take up arms with the people I work with and the people I live around, and have to do that?"

Her grandparents arrived in Canada by ship in the late-1940s and early 1950s, having been displaced by the Second World War.

Mykolyshyn said in her family, there has always been much love, and big meals.

"You can go anywhere in the world and a fellow

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# Strength lies in our unity, our humanity

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the way it always has been before any of this. There was always a sense of strength and a sense of love and unconditional caring. Strength and toughness. Ukrainians have a long history of war, war with Russia, suffering genocide, starvation, pain, and they always come through and survive."

A few years ago, Mykolyshyn visited family who lives outside of Ukraine. Her cousin, she said, moved out decades ago.

"Ukraine has been a difficult place to live under Russian-sympathetic rulers, corruption and not a lot of opportunity sometimes," she said. Her cousin learned a new language in her 30s, brought her family and started a new business in another country, the location which Mykolyshyn does not want published to protect the security of her family.

"She has created this safe space to have a good life," she said. "That's what it's always been, is to go get the good life. That's why people came to Canada, for a good life. That's what my grandparents did. They took crazy steps, left their families, left their home, left everything ... The crazy thing is it's happening again and they're being pulled back into it. I can't even imagine working so hard and living this good life and then all of a sudden you're pulled back into this bad dream again. It's – how do you stop this?"

Now, her cousins are returning to Ukraine to help protect the country from occupation.

"They're amazing and wonderful and welcomed me with open arms and were so generous – cooked for me, taught me how to make borscht and pyrohy. I've had some really wonderful times with



Maryssa Danilko, on floor, her sister, Baba Sophia, and mom Oksana Kulyk (Cheremchovicz) wearing traditional head coverings in her grandmother's town of Morshen. /Photo submitted by Maryssa Danilko

them and it's just so weird to have it go from that, to ..."

Mykolyshyn and her dad regularly speak with family – her dad speaks Ukrainian and will translate, or Mykolyshyn uses a translator to text. A few days ago, her family gathered for a dinner.

"They had a farewell dinner because they're going back," said Mykolyshyn. "There's a lot of Ukrainian nationals that are going back to fight because it's a duty. There's no question. They can't just let their country be taken over. It's non-negotiable, it's just the way it is."

Mykolyshyn said the experience of seeing her family go through this has brought new perspective.

"Before this, I've been feeling that I haven't had a lot of choice," she said. "Being a millennial, the housing market exploding, not being able to buy a house, in other areas, too, feeling like I don't have a lot of choice. But now I realize very much that we have every choice. We have every choice and freedom. My understanding of what freedom really is, is now very clear."

Her worry has caused Mykolyshyn to take action, attempting to help through showing support from Haliburton County.

"Seeing all of the support and the rallies all over the world, the lighting up of the major cities, the Eiffel tower, it actually feels good to me," she said. "It consoles me. It makes me feel like the whole world cares and is watching. There's a feeling of unity. But I also see how every day things are ramping up."

Besides personally donating to agencies helping those in need, she is looking into how she can help with a fundraiser, has ordered a flag for her car to promote continued awareness locally of the situation in Ukraine and after reaching out to Dysart et al, has confirmed the municipality will raise a flag to show support.

"I was surprised and happy, comforted to know, that people who are not Ukrainian or don't have a Ukrainian background are feeling similar to what I am feeling, which is helplessness, wanting to do something," she said. "There's unity there, and humanity, of seeing people experiencing this and how wrong it is and needs to be stopped."

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# Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts thanks BIA

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

The following are news briefs from the Municipality of Dysart et al regular council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 22, held virtually.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts is commending the Haliburton BIA for its work the past two years.

The mayor, who virtually attended the recent BIA annual general meeting, delivered her praise about the BIA and its dedicated members at the regular council meeting.

"It has been a difficult two years for them but they have been resilient," she said.

She informed council that long-time BIA volunteer Nelly Ashworth, who served as its treasurer, most recently, will be stepping down after almost 20 years of service. BIA president Luke Schell will also be stepping down later this year. Roberts offered her thanks for their hard work.

Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy also complimented the departing BIA members.

"I want to remind people that February is a hard time of year. Get out and enjoy the sunshine. I also want to thank Luke [Schell] and Nelly [Ashworth]. I am glad to see some younger people stepping up. The BIA is in good hands," Kennedy said.

## Potential for summer programming

Reporting on the West Guilford Hall Board, Councillor John Smith informed council that a meeting was held on Jan. 31. An application has been made by two women, one a retired teacher, for operating a summer day camp Monday to Friday and a special program on Saturdays at the West Guilford Hall.

"They were looking for feedback. They seem to be serious about it," said Smith. They are looking into insurance. The board hopes to learn more in the next month.

Pickleball players got back into the swing of things at West Guilford Hall during the first week of February.

"We are looking forward to more events when we have better weather and people feel more comfortable," Smith said.

## Exhibition a winner

The first exhibition of the year at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, "Point of View," was declared a winner.

"Sixty-five participants is huge. A lot of creative people in our community have been spending time doing creative things," Councillor Larry Clarke said.

Now in its 59th year, the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival is currently planning for a return to an in-person event after two years when artists and craft people have had to rely on online sales.

Gallery curator Laurie Jones continues to lead a discussion group on Saturday mornings throughout the winter. The subject for March is "Outsider Art: Madness, Marginalization and Exploitation."

The Craft Circle and Ukulele Circle have been operating online since before the beginning of the year and will continue that way until the weather improves. Some have found the online gatherings convenient. Drum Circles will resume in March with an in-person option by registration while Arts Council Haliburton will be offering community arts classes in 2022, with Rails End partnering as a venue for the classes.

## Positives for the downtown

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts reported that the BIA is currently working on getting the flowers organized for the downtown. Discussions have taken place about patios in parking areas downtown. "The parking area for snowmobiles was packed over the weekend. This is very positive," Wood-Roberts said, referring to Feb. 20 and 21.

The BIA had reached out to businesses on behalf of the municipality about having on-street patios in parking spaces in town. Three restaurants want to use the street. The municipality is looking at this as a "recovery activity," explained CAO Tamara Wilbee. She asked if council would like to establish a fee for using the parking spaces for a patio.

"It will cost the municipality for a few parking spaces but that won't mean anything if we lose businesses," responded Clarke.

"Restaurants have been hardest hit. We should offer them at no cost in 2022," Smith said.

Mayor Roberts said she is not sure if the AGCO (Alcohol and Gaming Corporation of Ontario) will extend the

opportunity beyond 2022.

Deputy Mayor Kennedy asked whether lost revenues for the seven parking spots would be eligible for Restart Funding. Treasurer Barb Swannell explained that funds raised through parking on Highland Street go to the parking meter reserve.

"I would have to investigate if this would apply to Restart Funding," she said.

Following the discussion, council approved a motion to allow these three full-service restaurants to use parking spaces for a patio extension for this year. Staff will contact the business owners through the BIA and will ask for a site plan that public works will review.

## Trial for fee and charges for Welcome Centre

Andrea Mueller, manager of programs and events, presented the recommended Fee and Charges Bylaw for Haliburton Welcome Centre washroom fees for events. She explained that the length of an event and the number of attendees impacts the number of washrooms that are needed. Users of the park for events must sign a Park Use Agreement. For environmental and aesthetic reasons, you must rent all the Welcome Centre washrooms first before renting and bringing in other privies. Mueller explained that this year is a trial and that it will be monitored to see how things go.

"The only thing we might get flack on is if some washrooms are not open and people have to line up," Roberts said. Mueller said that the fees have been set so it is not a huge increase to add additional toilets.

Smith thanked Mueller for the updates and adjustments.

"I think the new rates and mandatory use of our washrooms as the first option, makes a lot of sense. We need to stop apologizing for charging for use of this first-class facility. It is not unreasonable to recover some of our costs," he said.

Mueller said that organizers of events will be asked to monitor the use of the toilets to see if further adjustments have to be made.

Council approved a motion to accept the new fee schedule as presented.

# HHOA Fish Hatchery needs you

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

Imagine, the pristine destination of Haliburton County with 600 lakes and no fish. Now, imagine the far-reaching negative impact that could have on the Highlands' local economy.

Fortunately, thanks to the members of the volunteer-run organization, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA), this isn't going to happen. The HHOA, who helps with educating the public, raising fish at its fish hatchery, located on Gelert Road, and stocking lakes in

Haliburton County, needs to bolster its ranks.

"At one time we had over 400 members," said Eric Christensen, HHOA secretary and past president. "Now we have over 100. We need a good solid membership base. We have about 40 people who are actively involved on a weekly basis at the hatchery all year round. People get older, they move away, they move into retirement homes, so we're constantly in need of fresh blood."

Since 1999, the HHOA, with its fish hatchery has raised and stocked more than 700,000 fish in more than 100 lakes across Haliburton County and surrounding areas.

"We raise 35,000 fish every year," Christensen said.

Joining the HHOA is all about being able to give back to the community and share that sense of achievement with others.

"The hatchery is a great place to get to meet a lot of really nice people and spend a couple hours once a week with a crew of other people to feed and care for the fish" he said.

HHOA members enjoy the option of joining four clubs: archery, fly fishing, bass, and outdoors. With a healthy focus on youth initiatives and programs – youth, 18 and under, can join HHOA clubs for free.

Other benefits of being a member include a 15 per cent discount off all purchases at the outdoors store, Outdoor Plus in Haliburton, and, will receive a monthly newsletter giving details about where fish are being stocked in the lakes. Kind of an insider's where to go fishing for the fish.

The HHOA also have a need for volunteers with a diverse set of skills, with possibilities to help with marketing, operations, managing the office and more. Various volunteer committees include: the hatchery crew, fundraiser events, wetlands/outdoor restoration projects, educational programs, and club committees. Popular annual events, which needs volunteers, include: the Wild Game Dinner, Septemberfest, Family Day and Catch the Ace Lottery.

The annual HHOA membership is \$40 per year and discounted for members of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Join the HHOA and support local fishing by becoming a new member, volunteer or sponsor. Or, simply donate at: [www.hhoa.on.ca](http://www.hhoa.on.ca).

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# Donations needed for Ukraine

*Cottager reaches out for help with acquiring bullet proof vests*

DARREN LUM

Editor

We can help Ukraine.

A cottager for more than a decade, Ola Carreira of Eagle Lake is asking the Highlands to donate bulletproof vests, so she can add to what will be sent to Ukrainians in their efforts to defend themselves against the Russians.

Carreira, who is the daughter of Ukrainian parents, both deceased, said its nearly impossible to buy ballistic armour vests, with shortages in the Greater Toronto Area and with online retailers.

This collection from here will be added to the GTA effort and will be used to protect civilians, who are doing what they can without military training to provide assistance in the war effort, which is being regarded as the largest conventional war in Europe since the Second World War.

"They're doing all sorts of stuff, but they are out there in harm's way and we just want to get protection for them because bulletproof vests that are there [are] for the army, or for the army personnel. They're still waiting for more funds and they don't have enough [to go around]. So, we're just trying to collect, and, if you know anything about trying to get them from a hunting store or Amazon, they're basically all sold out because there was a shortage during COVID. They just couldn't make enough of them," she said.

Carreira, who was born Ola Lytwyniuk in England, said helping goes beyond being Ukrainian.

"It's not a matter of being connected to it. I think it's a matter that the whole world just has to step up because I'm sure we all feel the same," she said.

In addition to the vests, there is also the need for other goods such as military equipment like tactical backpacks and dry rations; non-perishable food, which has a "big demand," clothes and footwear for adults and children; thermal underwear; hygiene products; blankets; bedding; disposable table wear; first aid and first aid kits; tents; mattresses; sleeping bags; standalone lamps; candles; and containers for liquids such as water, fuel, lubricants with capacity from 10 to 20 litres.

The transport of the donated items will be fulfilled by the delivery service, Meest Corporation, which specializes in deliveries to Eastern Europe. They are sponsored by Ukrainian-based credit unions in the GTA, who are covering the shipping costs, Carreira said.

The resolution to this war she believes rests with the people of Russia. Since the invasion began on Feb. 24, Russians have taken to the streets to protest the war, demanding peace. There has been close to a million Ukrainians, who have fled

the country for neighbouring countries such as Poland. However, this conflict dates back to 2014 when Russian-backed separatists took over territories in the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in eastern Ukraine.

Russian president Vladimir Putin has claimed his recent invasion is based on an effort to free, or "denazify" Ukraine. Putin said the purpose of this military operation was to protect the people of the country, who have been subjected to humiliation and a genocide carried out against Russian citizens by the current government the past eight years. This genocide narrative has been refuted by historians, calling it propaganda. Another aspect in refuting the Russian government's claims is how Ukraine's democratically elected president Volodymyr Zelenskyy is of Jewish descent and is the grandson to the lone son of four brothers to have survived the Holocaust.

Zelenskyy is now considered a hero. He has been lauded for his bravery in the face of overwhelming odds, staying in Kyiv with his soldiers and citizens, as the Russians attack. He has been asking for a NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization or North Atlantic Treaty Alliance – comprises of 28 European and two North American countries, including Canada) led no-fly zone over Ukraine. His request was denied.

The decision for Carreira to ask for the Highlands' help came from friend and Eagle Lake neighbour, Janet Bishop, who was concerned for Carreira's cousin Liana (last name withheld for personal reason who she met eight years ago in Eagle Lake. After a series of phone calls, Bishop gave Carreira the good news about how residents were donating their bullet proof vests (at seven now) and it prompted a call out for more donations here.

Carreira knows what it's like to be displaced by war.

Both her parents, Maria and Ivan were born in Ukraine. Then the Second World War started and her parents were separated. The war saw Ukraine occupied by German soldiers and then a battle for freedom was waged against the Soviets, who had ousted the Germans. Her mother Maria was forcibly sent to a farm in Germany to grow food for their soldiers, and her father Ivan fought the Soviets, as part of the Ukrainian resistance at 17. While away fighting, Ivan's mother was sent to a work camp in Siberia. After her father was sent to an Italian prison camp and the war ended, Carreira's parents were eventually reunited in England where she was born. Her family came to Toronto in 1965. Carreira said she didn't even learn to speak English until she was six. She remembers her family (her parents and one older and one younger sister) and

two other families who totalled 10 living with a family of five Canadians in a small house in Toronto.

With her knowledge of her father's efforts to fight the Soviets, she envisions the same sacrifices are being made by the young people now.

"I would like to help these young men that are also repeating and doing what he did," she said. "He could not go back till Ukraine became a free sovereign nation again [in 1991] ... He was already 62 [when he went back]. He hadn't seen his mom since he was 17 years-old and he had this trip planned and everything else. And two days before he arrived there, she passed away," she said.

Her cousin Liana is a doctor and has decided to stay in Ukraine, remaining with her children Lana and Mischa to

help with the effort.

Although they are not in direct harm's way, being distant from the heaviest fighting, there is the every-present danger that keeps them ready to escape.

"They basically have their bags ready by the front door – a backpack with their essentials. And they sleep in their clothing in case they have to run," Carreira said.

Her mother and father are buried, with other Ukrainian resistance fighters at cemetery located at the St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre in Oakville. Carreira imagines he would be in disbelief about what is happening to Ukraine.

"He must be saying, 'I fought to free it and it was free and cannot believe that history's repeating itself,'" she said.

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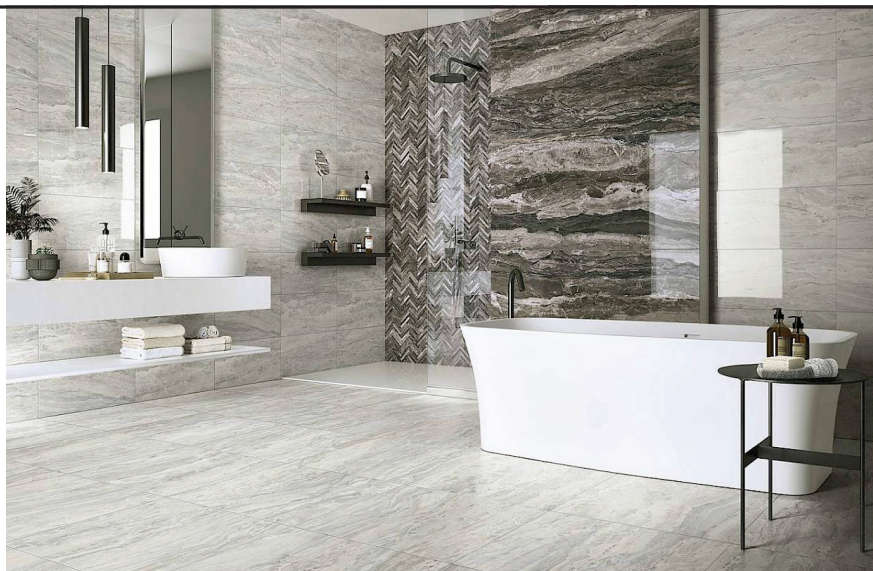
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## Why the bias?

**W**ALKING DOWN an icy sidewalk of Highland Street before the sander has been out this week reminded me about the importance of what we choose to pay attention to and what we take for granted.

It's easy to ignore what's right in front of us when the path is clear of challenges. We don't need to be concerned with the consequences of conscientious thought when there isn't the potential for harm to oneself. However, when a path has a myriad of hazards, it's easy to take a slip and have your world turned upside down.

Like most people, it's been stunning to see and read the news lately.

Seeing columns of Ukrainians in civilian clothing, standing in front of a convoy of Russian military vehicles, obstructing their movement to a nuclear facility, or the damage to residential buildings, with gaping holes where apartment windows used to be before a volley of missiles tore through steel and concrete and glass, is difficult to process. Is this because it is in a city that doesn't look starkly different to the places I grew up and frequented? Or is it the greater potential for the loss of life in an end of the world scenario that's been projected, if Russian president Vladimir Putin escalates the situation to something out of the worst result of the Cold War, with a nuclear response? Why don't we feel this way about images from Africa, Asia and the Middle-East?

Ukraine's democratically elected president Volodymyr Zelenskyy has assumed a heroic stature in the world through sound bytes and memes, conveying resoluteness in the face of overwhelming odds. He remains a target, as he holds up in the city of Kyiv despite offers of escape. Does this come down to a narrative people can identify with rather than ignorance of the world?

I am not innocent in this. I am guilty of consuming the news and not reacting the same way to places that look differently to a western city as seeing

the conflict unfold in Ukraine. I don't have the answers for others except to speak for myself and believe it's a western bias of if it's a happening there then could it happen here kind of thing. They look like us, live similar lives, right?

It's a slippery slope we're on when we forget the numbers represent people. I wish it wasn't that way, but it's playing itself out with news about conflicts in the "other" countries.

Not to downplay the seriousness of what is happening in Europe, but to raise questions, there are other conflicts around the world that have displaced people, separated families, orphaned children and killed. In fact, there are three other conflicts (Nagorno – Karabakh, Kurdish – Turkish and Israeli-Palestinian) and six

civil wars (Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya and South Sudan) that continue. After seven years, there is an estimated 250,000 people that have died as a result of the Yemen conflict. It's being considered the greatest humanitarian crisis in the world. And, yet, we don't hear much about it.

With 1.4 million people, Canada has the third largest popula-

tion of people of Ukrainian descent, so why wouldn't we help our neighbours and friends of friends? I just wish we offered the same help to all people ... our fellow humans, who deserve our compassion like the person down the road.

How we see the world is a reflection of how we see ourselves.

Maybe the answer is within us and, if we don't like the answer, it's up to us to change that. We're seeing how a united world can act, whether it is through the sanctions and the efforts to collect donations for Ukrainians like with cottager Ola Carreira. Without unity, what kind of world do we have and can ever expect to live in?

Source: Information on conflicts is sourced from the Council on Foreign Relations, which is an independent, non-partisan membership organization think tank and publisher.



darren lum

## Editorial



Frozen lines

by Darren Lum

## As time goes by

**I**F MAUREEN had known what lay ahead she would never have agreed. Angus had promised her a new life, but he hadn't said what kind it would be. The winters were by far the worst.

Life here was about as different from home as could be imagined. Angus said it would take a long time for Ireland to recover, if it ever would. He said society was stacked against them there and they needed to go to Canada. It was a young country with plenty of land and the government would help them get established.

She had met Angus at church. He had been handsome and tall with a twinkle in his eye that had captivated her heart the first time she met him. Angus had ambition and he wasn't afraid to work. Excellent traits for a future husband, her father had advised. Although originally from Aberdeen, he had spent his later years working on the squire's estate. But he was restless and had wanted more.

Doubtless it would be better than Ireland. When the potato crop failed, it had been terrible. People starved and England had let them. Maureen lost two cousins during these terrible times and her parents, who had hoped for something better for her, could see nothing but more of the same in the future. So with heavy hearts they had urged her to accept Angus' proposal and the move that was to follow.

The long journey by ship had been difficult and Maureen had been ill most of the time. Then after the ship docked, there was more travel. It had seemed as though they'd never stop, never reach their final destination.

But of course, they did. Maureen had stood in awe and with more than a little trepidation when she first set eyes on their new home. Big and wild with trees everywhere, it was like no place she had ever seen. Open fields, stone fences and gently rolling hills had not prepared her for the wilderness she now saw.

She wondered how they would

manage in this God-forsaken place, let alone raise a family. But Angus had been encouraging, saying they were both young and strong and could build up the land into something that would sustain them. And it would be theirs' alone.

As time passed, it had turned better. They were still without neighbours and when Maureen stood outside the door and looked around, all she saw was trees and more trees. Sometimes she felt so alone and a little scared.

She learned many things: how to identify animals by their tracks; where to find wild raspberries while watching out for bears. For there were all sorts of animals living among those trees.

Once Angus got the knack, they didn't go hungry. There was venison and the river that ran along the edge of their property had brook trout and bass. They both learned a great deal, mostly through trial and error. Maureen missed her family and it was difficult knowing she'd probably never see them again.

Monika stood in the clearing and looked around. She was catching her breath after a vigorous snowshoe hike up to this spot. A small sign marked the location where the house's foundation had once stood but she couldn't make it out because of the all the snow. Monika tried to imagine the life those settlers must have experienced. It had taken her at least 30 minutes to reach where she now stood so the isolation must have been deep back in their day. Although she loved being out in the bush like this, she wondered how she would have managed as one of those settlers.

Once she finished today's hike, she would drive home to a comfortable house and with the turn of a knob heat up her lunch, some venison stew leftover from last night's supper. And for tonight's meal, there was a nice little bass she had in the freezer, caught last summer.

Down



sharon lynch

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# points of view

## Teachable moments

**I**F YOU HAD asked me about the intelligence of my dog before this winter arrived, I would have told you Rosie was very smart indeed. I would have then bored you with examples of how easily trained she is, told stories about how she is quick to solve problems and bragged about her high degree of situational awareness.

But now that we have lived through a couple of months of winter, if you asked me the same question, I would probably avoid eye contact and mumble, "She's got a good heart."

The reason is simple. A dog with all the qualities I described earlier would not run headfirst into snowbanks. And this is something Rosie now does routinely. To be fair, this was not an issue in early winter when our snowbanks were low. Then, she merely tripped over them.

If I recall correctly, the problem took hold as the depth of the snow grew and the roadside banks of our dead-end street were ploughed to about Rosie's face level.

I can still remember the first time it happened. Rosie was running perpendicular to the road at about 30 miles an hour at the cul-de-sac at the end of our street. She was happy as a springer spaniel can be. As she zipped by, she locked her joyful eyes with me and smiled, giving me a look that said, "I bet



steve  
galea

## Loon Tales

you wish you could run this fast, huh?"

And then, just after she had attained maximum speed, she collided face first into the snowbank. If Rosie was a racing car, I'm pretty sure the air bags would have deployed, and she would have blown up. But she is a springer spaniel, so this just meant she made a big face-shaped imprint in the snowbank, then after extracting herself, shook her head and continued running.

Since then, she has done this at least a dozen times. Often in front of witnesses other than me, which causes people to say things like, "You're sure she comes from a line of field champions?"

I'm not sure if all those times after the first collision could be blamed on that first collision, but that would make a lot of sense. For clearly brain damage is playing some part in this.

The only other conceivable explanation is that Rosie is so set on trying to convince me that she meant to do it the first time that she keeps doing it again so I will think that this is actually her idea of fun. If so, it isn't working. I am not stupid. In fact, I have always lived by the motto, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me 20 to 30 times, shame on me."

This is not something I am proud to be writing about. As much as I love Rosie, I can't help but think that only the stupidest of creatures would do this repeatedly without learning from the experience. But then I also think that this is not fair. After all, no one trained Rosie not to do this.

So, I recently tried to steer Rosie away from this habit by running beside her while maintaining eye contact. Then at almost the right time I said, "Stop or you'll hit the snow..."

Unfortunately, my airbags did not deploy.



## pic of the past

**I**n a post card post dated May 30, 1913, this image shows Haliburton's Town Hall. The image was taken by Herington & Son, Photo from Trenton and was originally printed in 1910. This post card was sent to Bill's grandmother, who was in Beamsville. The postage was one cent. Submitted by Bill Gliddon.

## Unite for the fight against tyranny

### To the Editor,

My uncle, Michael Kurkowsky, was born and raised in Saskatchewan. Canadian by birth, Ukraine by heritage, he joined the Essex Scottish Regiment, to fight the Second World War. He was killed on the beaches of Normandy, on July 21, 1944, and is buried in a Canadian War Cemetery in Coen-Bretteville-sur-Laize, France.

The Saskatchewan government named a lake after him, to honour his service and his sacrifice for his country ... as they did for all the fallen from Saskatchewan. He was one of the oldest in that cemetery ... aged 26.

Daily, hourly, minute by minute, for the last

eight days, we are reminded what the loss of rights and freedoms truly looks like. The courage and determination of the leadership and citizens of Ukraine, is inspiring and heart-breaking in equal measure.

The world was galvanized into co-operative action, because of COVID. It must continue to co-operate and offer all support possible, to stop another delusional tyrant.

Peace is the only viable option for everyone ... if the planet and its inhabitants have any hope of surviving.

Cheryl Cohoon  
Haliburton



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Although this winter has proven favourable for deer, the species is not assured of anything with a few weeks left in the season. /Submitted by Steve Galea

# Winter looking good for deer thus far

STEVE GALEA

*Special to the Echo*

**I**f winter doesn't stick around longer than it should, Haliburton's deer herds will likely enter spring in good shape.

Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDM-NRF) senior research scientist Brent Patterson said, "Generally speaking, it is looking like it will be a mild to moderate winter, which should have minimal impact to deer survival and recruitment."

Dr. Patterson pointed out that snow arrived relatively late this year in central Ontario, with very little snow accumulation until mid-January. This gave deer a reprieve from challenges brought on by snow accumulations early in the season.

"Snow depth has a much greater impact on deer in winter than cold temperatures. Deep snows are detrimental to deer by reducing access to browse and forage, increasing locomotion costs, and increasing vulnerability to predators like wolves and coyotes," he explained.

"Although cold temperatures increase the energetic demand on deer, they are able to partially compensate for this by reducing activity, having lower metabolism in winter, and choosing habitats that minimize exposure to wind. In winter, deer also maximize exposure to the mid-day sun and favour south facing slopes," he added.

Patterson noted that our current snow depth is very similar to last year, with just over 40 centimetres on the ground during the first week of February.

Last year, the Percy Lake snow station had a final snow (or Snow Depth Index) accumulation of 507 centimetres in total throughout the winter. Anything under 590 centimetres is considered a mild winter. This year, that total is less than last year; the first week of February data for the Percy Lake snow station was at 175 centimetres compared to 241 centimetres at the same time last year.

"Using a predictive model based on snow depth index, a value of less than 300 centimetres in the first week of February would suggest a less than 25 per cent chance of

having a severe winter outcome," he said.

Patterson said, "A large body of research suggest that whereas cold temperatures have only a minor impact on deer survival, prolonged periods with deep snows can drastically reduce winter survival of deer. Generally, snow depths greater than 30 centimetres can measurably increase a deer's vulnerability to predation, but snow density can be as influential as snow depth in determining impacts on deer."

Snow depths exceeding 30 centimetres have not been experienced for long periods this winter thus far and there was even a short period when snow depth drastically decreased due to weather conditions.

Snow crusts can also affect deer in winter by inhibiting deer movement and access to available foods. Patterson said this winter several freeze/thaw cycles have created some detrimental snow crusting.

Food availability is another constant concern in winter.

"During the winter months, deer in most of Ontario subsist on a diet of low-quality food," Patterson said. "The major food at this time of year is browse which is comprised of the woody twigs and buds of deciduous trees and shrubs, and conifer leaves from trees such as cedar and hemlock. Browse is low in protein and energy and high in fibre. Even with an unlimited food supply, deer on this winter diet will lose weight because energy demands are greater than supply as large amounts of fibre food are costly to process."

Despite this, Patterson says deer feeding is strongly discouraged – a point the MNDMNR has been trying to get across for years.

Feeding is risky because it causes deer to become habituated, and the wrong feed mixes can lead to digestion issues and potentially death. Additionally, a variety of feeding diseases have been documented in deer that have been fed improper diets. Habituated deer are at greater risk of causing motorized vehicle collisions as they cross roadways to get to feeding locations and Patterson notes they also pose a potentially greater threat of injury for pets and humans because feeding brings them in close proximity. Lastly, he says, congregating deer at feeding sites also means increasing the risk of them passing diseases and parasites to each other.

He said he understands the draw of deer feeding, but

says the risks to the deer outweigh the benefits.

"Deer are naturally adapted to survive winter with stored fat reserves by restricting activities and reduce feeding. Artificial feeding works against these adaptations by preventing the normal seasonal reduction in metabolic rate. This could result in increased energy demands that offset the advantages of supplying artificial food. If you have deer wintering on your property, you can assist them in other ways, by creating trails (by snowshoeing or with vehicles) and by cutting browse that would otherwise be out of reach," he said. He also says its best not to disturb deer with loud machinery, approaching too close or using snowmobiles, especially during hard winters, as this saps much needed energy from them.

Despite some of the challenges our deer are facing this winter, Patterson says this winter has, thus far, been good to them. Even predators such as wolves are generally less effective during mild winters, because deer movement and energy levels are not inhibited by deep snow and severe cold.

Though this winter has been relatively mild, Patterson cautions that winter is not over yet.

"While we are nearing the end of winter, there are still some factors that may be of concern for local deer populations. The duration of winter can impact the length of time deer spend in winter yards, thus affecting their physical condition coming into spring; this can be particularly important for pregnant females. Given the late start to the winter of 2022, this is not anticipated to be a concern; however, weather systems are becoming more variable, so spring conditions cannot be predicted. Other early spring conditions, such as timing of green up and frosts, can affect food supply and productivity too."

And deer that have made it through a long winter can be very vulnerable to a poor or delayed spring.

Having said that, in the Haliburton area (Wildlife Management Units 54 and 56), trends in deer seen per hunter day and hunter harvest levels have been increasing since 2015 and are nearing the top end of the long-term range of values.

If the season continues as it has, this winter is not likely to change that.





## Dog powered racing

Kitchi pulls skijoring competitor JC Ono-dit-Biot of Hamilton during the first ever OFSS (Ontario Federation of Sleddog Sports) Winter Fun Race at Killara Station on Saturday, March 5, just a few minutes outside of the village of Haliburton. With nine competitors, the competition included past IFSS World Championship competitor for Canada and Highlands resident Karen Koehler, who swept all the categories (five kilometre one and two dog, 2.6 kilometre one and two dog and the one kilometre costume race) except for the Kid and Mutt 700 metre race. Other locals who competed were Tara DeLaurier whose top finish was an eighth in the 2.6 kilometre one dog, and Angela McGreevy finished second in the costume race. Organizers hope to hold the event next year. /DARREN LUM Staff



Kitchi pulls skijoring competitor JC Ono-dit-Biot.



Skijoring competitor Autumn Cockerill of Windsor races with dogs Spark and Cosmos.





Storm surge

The Highland Storm under-nine LL hockey player Jaxon Demerchant rushes the puck against defenders Bancroft Jets defenders during the Bernie Nicholls Sprint Tournament on Saturday, March 5 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm, who are coached by Ryan Emmerson, and assisted by Stefan Bjelis, finished winners of the C Division at the conclusion of the two-day home tournament. /DARREN LUM Staff

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# Casting off curling COVID cobwebs

NICK BERNARD

*Special to the Echo*

Former Red Hawks curling champ Connor Duhaime got the chance to cap off an otherwise rocky curling season with one final slice of normalcy at the 2022 Ontario Men's Tankard. Duhaime's team, led by skip Pat Ferris, took part in the event from Feb. 9 to 13, which is the last and largest provincial curling event of the season.

While the rolling COVID mandates made for a spotty season, Duhaime says it was still good to get out on the ice one last time.

"We weren't at our best, we were sort of middle of the pack," he admitted, but said he and the rest of the team still had fun. "We were sometimes playing good, sometimes playing not so good. It felt like it kind of took a little bit of time to get into our groove."

The 2022 Tankard took place in Port Elgin, which Duhaime says was one of the best iterations of the event his team had been to.

"We thought, it was really well-run," he said. "The local community there seems really involved ... just sponsoring, and donating their time and all that sort of stuff. We kind of suspected it might run really smooth, and it did."

Pandemic restrictions in the year kept Team Ferris (of Duhaime, Ferris, Ian

Dickie and Zack Shurtleff) from being able to practice together, something Duhaime said was mitigated by modified training at home.

Considering that the health measures to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 affected everyone, Duhaime said everyone else was just as rusty as his team, which meant more of a level playing field, even for curling luminaries like John Epping and Tanner Horgan. Even Glenn Howard felt the strain, with knee problems forcing him to step back, serving as his team's coach and fifth player.

"I think everybody was in the same boat," Duhaime said. "The muscles were pretty sore after the first couple of days."

For the most part, the curling season is almost over, with many of the events winding down. Still, Duhaime will be able to continue practicing for the next season, carrying over some important lessons that were learnt from this year.

"I think just staying focused on the game and trying to come in as prepared as you can with game plans and fitness too," Duhaime said. "Definitely for me, over the summer, I'm gonna try and amp up the workouts. My teammate Zack, he's a bit of a beast in the gym, so I've gotta, you know, try and look good beside him."

For Duhaime, there seems to be a path forward for success for next season, barring any more setbacks due to the ongoing pandemic.



The Highland Storm under-nine LL hockey player James Hamilton rushes the puck in minor hockey action on Saturday, March 5 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

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# Red Hawks alumni curlers rock the OCAs

Jessica Byers, Liam Little, and Jacob Dobson, three alumni from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, rocked the podium at the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) Curling Championships, coming home with two golds and a silver medal. Byers and Dobson curl for the Humber Hawks Varsity team, with Byers as the second on the women's team and Dobson as the lead on the men's team. Little curls lead for the Mohawk Mountaineers.

This five-day college provincial championship, which was held in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, began with round robin play from Thursday, Feb. 17 to Sunday, Feb. 20. The gold medal games were held on Feb. 21. At the end of round-robin play, both the Humber women's and men's teams secured the No. 1 position and a berth into the gold medal games.

The Humber women's team only lost one game in round-robin play and the Humber men's team went undefeated. The Mohawk Mountaineers finished second at the end of round-robin play.

Both gold medal matches were excellent games that came down to the last rock. The Humber Hawks' women's team defeated the Niagara Knights 8 - 6, earning Byers a gold medal. The Mohawk Mountaineers defeated the Humber Hawks' men's team 5 - 4, with Little securing gold and Dobson earning silver.

To add to their gold medals, both Byers and Little were selected to the first all-star teams, an added honour and recognition at the end of the championship.

It is a huge testament to the calibre of our local curling clubs and the efforts they have put into their youth curling programs, to have three elite athletes not only competing in a provincial championship, but to walk away with three medals. Our local curling clubs and members in both Haliburton and Minden should be immensely proud of their youth curling programs and their investment in the youth of our communities. They have made the sport accessible for all youth and affordable for all families. They removed the barriers of getting children to the club by providing busing. They removed the barriers of cost through fundraising and investing club dollars into their youth programs. They provided healthy snacks and equipment for their young curlers. They volunteered an incredible amount of their time towards the youth. They created an opportunity for youth to build healthy relationships with adults and in a sport that fosters cooperation and community.

The Haliburton and Minden Curling Clubs went above and beyond with their youth curling programs and the impact on these three elite curlers, indelible.

Byers said, "If I think about what curling means to me, I find myself almost at a loss for words. It's become a part of who I am. The volunteers from the Haliburton and Minden Curling Clubs provided me with an atmosphere to continually grow, improve, set and achieve bigger and bigger goals as an athlete and as a person. When I curl, surrounded by so many inspiring and talented people, I forget about anything else going on in the world, focus on one shot at a time, and support one another. We all come back and love the sport for that reason. I am very grateful to have been introduced to our local youth curling program by my grandparents and all the incredible volunteers, coaches, and teammates I've had since I started in 2011. Notably, Bob MacNaull, Hugh Nichol, Terry Lawrence, and Wanda Stephen from the Haliburton Curling Club. Scotty and Jane Boyd from the Minden Curling Club. From my recent competitive experiences,



Red Hawks alumni Jacob Dobson, from left, Liam Little and Jessica Byers stand together with their medals after competing at the OCAA (Ontario College Athletic Association) Curling Championships, which were held from Feb. 17 to 21 in Sault Ste. Marie. Dobson won silver while competing for the Humber Hawks while Little won gold for the Mohawk Mountaineers and Byers won gold with the Humber Hawks. The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduates credited the youth curling programs in Minden and Haliburton for their starts in the sport. Submitted by Cythnia Mitchell.

Sherry and Wayne Middaugh, Mike Harris, my Humber College coach Sean Turriff, and of course, my family and friends."

Little said, "I would for sure like to thank Scotty and Jane Boyd for all the coaching and mentoring as I was growing up learning the sport. I would like to thank the Mohawk athletic program, our coach, Betty Calic, and family and friends for all the support. We couldn't have done it without them."

Dobson said, "I'd like to thank Russ Duhaime and Hugh Nichol, all the other club coaches who helped me starting off with the game, and everyone who's supported me through my curling career. I'd also like to stress how important it is to continue to rebuild the youth curling programs now that we're on the back end of the pandemic. Haliburton and Minden have been able to produce some of the top curlers on every level of the game. This all starts at the grass roots level of getting kids into the game at the elementary level and showing them what is possible."

Unfortunately for Byers, Little, and Dobson they will

not be able to continue their curling journey to compete at nationals this year. Curling Canada cancelled all national curling events for the remainder of this season. For the second year in a row, these varsity athletes have been denied the chance to compete at a national level. Hopefully next year will bring them the opportunity.

Hopefully, next year, the Haliburton and Minden Curling Clubs will re-establish their youth curling programs. Hopefully, next year, those considering starting youth programs and volunteering their time will be inspired to do so. Anyone who thinks our youth are not worth the investment, need only read this story. Youth success starts with grassroots programs and a community of adults who believe in investing their time in our youth. Huge thanks to the volunteers and sponsors within our community, and to the curling clubs of Haliburton and Minden for leading the way.

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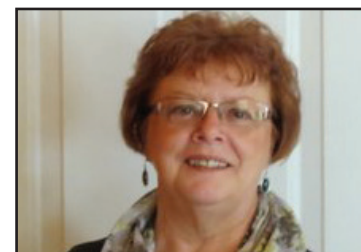
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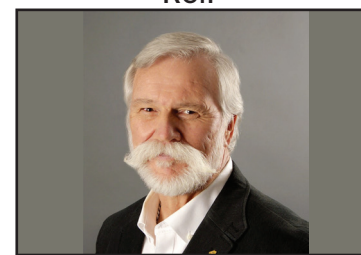
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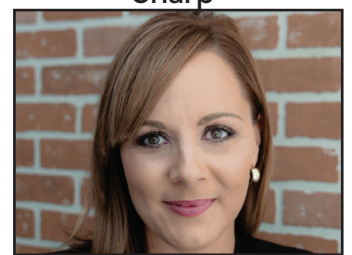
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# Freedom to read: Mein Kampf challenged at HCPL

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Staff Reporter

Three days after Chris Stephenson took on the role of CEO at Haliburton County Public Library last September,

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CLUES ACROSS

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- 9. Pulpits
- 14. Pin
- 15. Rare laughing
- 16. Parts of the circulatory system
- 17. Financial term
- 18. Pearl Jam frontman
- 20. Cores of vascular plants
- 22. Strong sharp smell or taste
- 23. City in S. Korea
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Short message at the end of an email
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Boys and men
- 37. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. A way to arrange
- 41. Body cavity
- 42. The Great Lake State
- 43. A type of seal
- 44. Stop for a moment
- 46. Ancient kingdom
- 49. Of I
- 50. White clerical vestment
- 51. Songs to a lover

CLUES DOWN

- 55. Prices
- 58. Sun-dried brick
- 59. Where to park a boat
- 60. One who values reason and knowledge
- 64. Partner to feather
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Type of screen
- 68. Country singer Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you hope to arrive

- 25. The academic world
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- 27. Infer from data
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- 41. Secondary or explanatory descriptor
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- 47. Speaker
- 48. Situated in the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Alaska nursing group (abbr.)
- 54. Beloveds
- 56. Establish by law or with authority
- 57. Border river between India and Nepal
- 59. Millisecond
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They —
- 62. ESPN broadcaster Bob
- 63. A place to stay

Answers on page 16

he arrived at work to encounter a rare request – for a book to be removed from circulation. The book: *Mein Kampf* by Adolf Hitler.

“I came in, and this book was on my desk, with an elastic band with a little piece of paper,” he said. “I saw the words, Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials. My brain instantly knew that that’s what we call a book challenge.”

The challenge – when public access to a publication is asked to be limited – was brought forward by a small group of people who wish to remain anonymous, declined an interview and who Stephenson, under the library’s confidentiality policy, cannot name.

“In this case, they said, you know, we don’t like that the book is on the shelf, we’d prefer that it was removed,” said Stephenson.

The group also, however, came to Stephenson with a solution that wouldn’t result in the book being removed from circulation entirely – they suggested the original book be replaced with a recent critical edition version that includes annotated text placing its contents in historical context.

“And to be honest, I couldn’t agree more,” said Stephenson. “I think that’s a great suggestion and solution ... So I was thrilled that these people brought a problem, and a solution together.”

*Mein Kampf* [My Struggle], Hitler’s 1925 autobiographical manifesto, is often challenged for the Nazi dictator’s anti-Semitic and racist ideas. Reprinting of the book in Germany was banned post-Second World War until 2016, and in 2020 Amazon banned and then later reinstated the book from the e-commerce site.

“Some people [not necessarily those challenging the HCPL’s copy] have a fear about raw text just being out in the world with no teacher or mentor or guide to help make sense of it,” said Stephenson. “My counterpoint is that from a historical perspective, how will you recognize the next Hitler if you don’t know generally what that person stood for, when you see it again next time?”

Stephenson said when it comes to book challenges, many people will object to content because it doesn’t follow their political, sexual, social or otherwise personal view.

“But the thing is, there are many books in the world, and if it’s not for you, that’s fine. Put it down, but don’t take it away from someone who might need that book.”

He gives the example of LGBTQ+-themed books, which are often challenged, noting that when people challenge books that others might need as resources to learn from, “it takes away from the experience and education of another person.”

While book challenges do happen every now and then, the request in September was a first in Stephenson’s career.

“I was very proud to receive it, because I was told long ago in library school that you weren’t a true librarian until you received your first book challenge,” he said.

“These concepts of librarians making materials accessible to their communities is paramount to the functioning of good information and democracy. It’s also, you know, I’m thrilled when people come to the library with questions like, ‘what can we do about this? This is a problem for me.’ When they investigate something that matters to them, and it starts a conversation and an engagement with their librarian or their library staff,

that’s for me one of the most rewarding parts of my job.”

At the time, Stephenson said book challenges were a “hot topic,” in libraries, and that his colleagues elsewhere in Canada mentioned an uptick in book challenges around the same time.

“Last fall, Publisher’s Weekly noted that the American Library Association’s Office for Information Freedom (‘which tracks book challenges nationwide’) reported that there’s been a 60 per cent increase in challenges to books received in the month of Sept. [2021] compared to [the year before],” Stephenson told the *Echo*.

At this time, the suggested annotated copy of *Mein Kampf* is only available in German and French.

“We did reach out to our main book distributor last fall to see if there was another appropriate version that may be annotated by an historian and placed in better context, but the options provided were limited,” said Stephenson.

Right now, the book – this copy purchased by the library in 2008 – sits in his office, available if someone needs it. And with this challenge, and subsequent newspaper story, it might become more requested than it has been – Stephenson brings up the Streisand Effect, a cultural phenomenon in which the attempt to suppress information only makes it more popular. The effect is named for singer and actress Barbra Streisand, who in 2003 sued a photographer for invasion of privacy over a photo of her home, which had been downloaded fewer than 10 times. In the month following the lawsuit, the photo was downloaded more than 420,000 times.

“When you try to censor ideas, or books or movies, whatever, often what you’ll do by not meaning to is draw greater attention to it – which is another reason why librarians celebrate Banned Books [or Freedom to Read] week,” said Stephenson. “To keep that conversation going. By highlighting this one book, look – our local paper is doing a story on it and now everyone’s thinking about this book ... It’s a really interesting case.”

Book challenges have been rare over the past few years at HCPL. The records Stephenson has available show that in 2011 there were three reconsideration requests submitted, then one each in 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017 and two in 2019. Stephenson said materials that have previously been challenged include DVDs such as *Drugstore Cowboy*; *Darwin*; *Notes on a Scandal*; *Breaking the Waves* and *Leaving Las Vegas*, and the books *Jim*, *Who Ran Away from His Nurse*, and *Was Eaten by a Lion* by Hilaire Belloc and *Mini Grey*; *The Girl in Red* by Aaron Frisch; *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman and the *Butter Battle Book* by Dr. Seuss.

Stephenson recalls a T-shirt he once saw at a library conference that said, “There’s something in my library to offend everyone.”

“And all that means is, no one’s going to agree on the state of a collection in any community,” he said. “It’s robust, it’s colourful, the library’s for everyone so there’s something for everyone here, and the fact is no one has the right to veto the experience of others.”

“Here at the library we feel that books and ideas have power and even magic, so for kids and learning and passion around literacy,” said Stephenson. “It’s not surprising that texts that carry a lot of emotional weight are periodically going to come in and out of debate. This isn’t the first book and it won’t be the last.”



# Three years in - Dysart et al Councillor Tammy Donaldson - Ward 3

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

*It has been just over three years since municipal councils began their current term of office. With the next municipal election now less than a year away, we have reached out to invite local political representatives to answer a few questions about their background and how it has helped them in their role.*

**What is the cumulative time you have spent as a municipal representative for this municipality? (Is this your first term or have you served for multiple terms?)**

This my second term. I have been in office for seven years so far.

**What in your personal background/experience has best helped you to be an effective member of council?**

Being a business owner in Haliburton County, a tourism business, has given me an understanding of the business community. You learn how a business runs and the importance of establishing good relationships with your customers. It is the same with relationships between the taxpayers and council.

**Three years in to this mandate, what do you believe has been this council's greatest achievement so far?**

I have to agree with Mayor Andrea Roberts that our focus on planning further into the future through such things as the asset management plan, has been an important achievement in assuring greater sustainability for the township. Adding the Welcome Centre at Head Lake Park and the agreement with Fleming College to gift land for a student residence, are two important achievements in the past three years.

**Is there anything council has made a decision on in the past three years that you wish you could have a chance to do differently?**

Nothing comes to mind.

**What is this council's greatest challenge in the year ahead?**

Councillor Donaldson – The greatest challenge in the year ahead is to try and finish up what we have started. It is important to set up the next council for success.

**What do you hope this council can achieve in its last months in office?**

It would be nice to have anything that has been ongoing for years be tidied up.



Dysart et al Councillor Tammy Donaldson believes the greatest challenge in the year ahead is to finish up what has been started. She believes it is important to set up the next council for success. Photo submitted by Tammy Donaldson

## Dysart seeks participants for home composting pilot project

Do you have a passion for food waste reduction and composting? Have you been hesitant about using a backyard composter or digester?

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The Municipality of Dysart et al is seeking 100 Dysart households for its FoodCycler pilot project that will measure the feasibility of in-home composting to help protect the environment.

The FoodCycler uses electricity to quickly compost food waste (fruit cores, vegetable peels, dairy, chicken bones, and more) into a finished compost product. The FoodCycler is approximately the size of a bread making machine, and can hold up to one kilogram of food waste.

Using electricity, the device dries and grinds food waste into a dry, odourless,

nutrient-dense by-product which can be used as a fertilizer.

The pilot project is 12 weeks in length, running from April 10 to July 2.

The usual retail cost of a FoodCycler is \$500. Thanks to a subsidy from Impact Canada, and a subsidy from Dysart et al, participants will purchase the FoodCycler from Dysart for just \$169.50 (\$150 plus \$19.50 HST).

Participants will be selected either on a first come, first serve basis; or, should more than 100 households request participation, through a lottery. Participants must be a permanent or seasonal resident in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Participants must commit to take part in the 12-week pilot project. To track their usage and thoughts about the FoodCycler and composting, participants will complete a number of online surveys, and online weekly logs.

To learn more or to register as participant, visit [www.dysartetal.ca/foodcycler](http://www.dysartetal.ca/foodcycler).

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# Stepping into spring with optimism

The sun is shining, the snow is melting (slowly) and the birds are chirping. Spring must be in the air.

That last part may be a tad bit optimistic but I always believed every glass was half full.

One thing is certain, the days are getting longer which means more time to shop! And now is the time to shop until you drop, with provincial restrictions lifting and our economy reopening, our downtown businesses are looking forward to a fruitful spring and summer on the horizon.

Recently the Haliburton Business Improvement Area (BIA) held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Zoom. The meeting provided the board an opportunity to reflect on the successes of the past year and look ahead to the future.

BIA president Luke Schell spoke to a number of initiatives the BIA took on in 2021, including the downtown banners, sculptures, fall decorations, the

return of the Santa Claus Parade and Ladies Shopping Night, to name just a few. Due to the pandemic a number of events, including Midnight Madness, were unable to happen, however things are looking brighter for 2022.

Schell shared that this coming year will be his last one with the BIA, after 16 years with the volunteer organization, which he called "an exercise of absolute joy."

Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy both shared exciting news from the township, including the return of street patios this summer, housing developments coming to the area and infrastructure projects.

The politicians commended the BIA board for their resiliency and perseverance during what has been a difficult two years.

"Thank you all for the drive to just keep going," Roberts said.

The BIA board said farewell to longtime member and treasurer Nelly Ashworth, who announced she was stepping down after being involved with the organization for more than 20 years. An advocate for the BIA, Ashworth

thanked everyone for their support.

With two positions open on the board, nominees Nicole Baumgartner (RE/MAX Professionals North Baumgartner Realty Brokerage) and Vivian Collings (Lockside Trading Co.) were welcomed by the executive. The 2022 executive includes Schell, vice-president David Zilstra, treasurer Clay Glecoff, secretary Brad Park, Renzo Rosati, Brandon Nimigon and municipal representative Nancy Wood-Roberts.

Longtime BIA member Laurie Bonfield, owner/operator of Country Pickins, was recognized as this year's BIA VIP of the year.

When acknowledging Bonfield, Schell spoke to the nearly 40 years the business has been operating in the community and how much passion Bonfield brings to the village of Haliburton.

"She cares deeply and we are so happy to have her in our town," he said.

Mayor Roberts agreed, and noted Bonfield's charitable contributions over the years.

"If you go to a silent auction there is always a donated item from Country Pickins on the table," she said.

The BIA is looking forward to another exciting year, so stay tuned for more news in the coming months. Until then stay safe, stay healthy and stay active.

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## Notice of Fee By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2022-10, being a by-law to impose fees and charges. A new fee is being proposed to cover mandatory pre-consultation requirements for certain Planning Act applications.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on <https://www.dysartetal.ca/>.

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## Huskies experience West Guilford hospitality

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For the past several months West Guilford has opened its hearts by extending hospitality to several Haliburton County Huskies players, who are aged between 17 to 20 years-old. They have played their hearts out during Haliburton County Huskies practices and games.

Highland Storm alumnus and current forward for the Huskies Joe Boice is included among the junior players. Joe's parents, Barry and Kendra, are billeting their son's teammate, Jack Staniland of Port Perry. These two teens have big appetites! Derek and Joyce Jones, relatively new to the area, living on Grass Lake are hosting Huskies' forward Cameron Kosurko, and area resident Cathy

McIlmurray hosts Huskies' defenceman Noah VanVliet. These worthy residents are enthusiastic fans who support the Huskies at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. Many people in and around the Haliburton area have opened their homes in this way. It's great to see support for the Huskies, which has returned this past year after a hiatus from being an entertainment staple for decades since the last mid-20th Century.

Snowmobilers, call or give me names of those who enjoy this pursuit. Find out where the trails can take you and your companions. Margo Ross, who is on the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association board of directors for seven years has information you can use to have an enjoyable ride.

Last Tuesday, Alan Cooper visited from Orillia and played favourite fiddle tunes with Kathleen Owens at Highland Wood for residents there to the delight the few in attendance. Kathleen's chording on piano is still a joy to hear.



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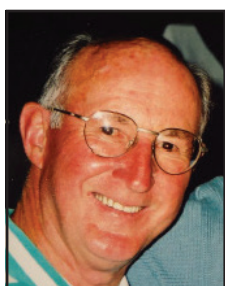


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Bruce John Bunker, 88, of Richmond Hill, Ontario peacefully passed away on Monday, February 21, 2022 at Mackenzie Health Hospital.

Bruce was born in Rathburn, Ontario on April 15, 1933 in the family farmhouse. The family later moved to Orillia where he eventually graduated from the Orillia District Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He continued on to receive his Bachelor of Education degree from The University of Toronto.

Bruce was married to Barbara (nee Bird) on June 29, 1961.

He was a career teacher with the North York Board of Education, specializing in Math and Industrial Arts, instructing at Yvonne Avenue Public, Ledbury Park Elementary and Pleasant View Junior High Schools. In his youth he excelled at athletics, particularly baseball and hockey, representing Orillia area teams over numerous seasons. He was one of the original members of The Orillia Road Knights Motorcycle Club. Later in life, golf became his passion while spending family summer vacations at "The Cottage" in Ingoldsby, Ontario and snowbird winters in Florida. Frequently roaming the fairways of Blairhampton and Pinestone, and the bordering woods and ponds searching to add to his vast golf ball collection. Tinkering was also a favourite hobby, spending hours in the "workbarn", basement or garage on a repair, woodworking, ornament creation or renovation project. His love of family and friends shone throughout his life and he touched many many more lives than he knew, and we are all better for it.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Barbara, children David (Lisa), Diana (Brad), Maria (Ken), grandchildren Sandra (Mike), Kristine (Matt), Chloe, Kael, Sean, Avery, brother Jim (Betty) and many nieces and nephews.

Bruce is preceded in death by brother Bob (Helen) and sisters Katherine (Elmer) and Shirley (Bill). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

A celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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### Barbara Elizabeth Bunker (nee Bird)

Barbara Elizabeth Bunker (nee Bird) was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, cousin and friend, she passed away on Thursday, March 3, 2022 in her 85th year.

She was born in Toronto, Ontario to Arthur and Margaret Bird on August 7, 1936. After graduating from North Toronto Collegiate Institute and subsequently earning her Ontario Teachers Certification, Barbara began her elementary education career with the North York Board of Education at Queensborough Junior High and Yvonne Avenue Public Schools. It was at Yvonne Avenue that she met fellow teacher Bruce Bunker. They were married on June 29, 1961, moved to Richmond Hill and she continued her teaching career at Walter Scott Public School. When the couple's first child arrived she left teaching for her other calling, parenting, raising three children.

Barbara was a voracious reader, delighted in crosswords, took joy in live theatre, golf rounds with family and friends, baked shortbread cookies that were unmatched, at "The Cottage" in Ingoldsby spending summer days on the dock or under a shade tree revelling in card games and puzzles. She treated friends as if they were family and family held a very special place in her heart.

Barbara is survived by her children, that she was so proud of, David (Lisa), Diana (Brad) and Maria (Ken), her grandchildren, who she adored, Kristine (Matt), Sandra (Mike), Chloe, Kael, Sean and Avery, and beloved cousin David.

Predeceased just ten days by her husband Bruce, the love of her life.

As Barbara had wished there are no funeral plans. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in her name with The Highlands Summer Festival (Haliburton, Ontario) the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

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## Highlands high

Given how much snow there is, Sir Sam's Ski Area will be a busy place this March Break, which got off to an exciting start on Saturday with a snowboarding competition. Results are in this week's sports section.

## 121 proposal hopes to lure major retailers to Haliburton

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Haliburton village's newest proposed commercial development, a retail plaza on Highway 121 near Country Rose, is not going to be a box store like Walmart, but developer Philip Otis remained vague at a recent public meeting about what the approximately \$10-million development will be.

Even the amount is vague. Otis has submitted to council a draft of what a parking lot and a 64,000 square foot, three-unit building might look like, and could cost up to \$10 million to build, but he also made it clear that the development may be considerably smaller or consist of smaller units rather than three large ones.

Otis and his brother Brian are partners in Otis Group of

Companies based in Toronto. He says they have done developments in Barry, Huntsville, Bracebridge and are working on a large project in Gravenhurst. At a public meeting on March 3, he told a crowd of approximately 40 people packed into Dysart's council chambers that Otis Group has won design awards for their efforts to create buildings that fit "seamlessly" into the surrounding town. In this case the nine and half acres the Otis Group plans on purchasing, conditional to the approval of rezoning from residential to commercial, is in an established residential area across from Grass Lake.

He says that creating retail/commercial space along 121 will not hurt the downtown as some people at the meeting suggested

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## Echo editor among local Jubilee Medal recipients

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The blush went to the roots of her hair as Martha Perkins, managing editor of the Haliburton County Echo and the Minden Times, accepted a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal from MPP Chris Hodgson.

Only 46,000 medals have been awarded to Canadians in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's reign. The medals are given to those who make significant contribu-






tions to their community, volunteer tirelessly or have honourably represented Canada.

In a ceremony in Lindsay last month, four individuals from Haliburton County received the medal: Hilda Clark, Perkins, Margaret Risk and Len Salvatori.


Last year, Perkins edited stories about locals receiving the medal and yet, when it came her turn to sit quietly with her hands in her lap instead of


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